

CREATES A STIR. DROPS TO 4 BELOW

Bryan Affidavit Proves to Be a Sensation.

County Attorney Simon Denies He Employed Man.

LOANED HIM MONEY OVERCOATS IN HOMES.

Says That Is as Far as His Connection Went.

Attorney General Dawson Makes Amusing Reply.

The affidavit of C. M. Bryan, in which he charged that County Attorney Simon employed him in the wholesaling of liquor to get evidence against jointists is the sensation of the day.

While County Attorney Simon denies Bryan's charges, he makes certain admissions which should throw light on the case after an investigation of the facts. Simon admits having "loaned" Bryan \$45. It is not denied that the county attorney knew of the broker's former relations with the breweries and liquor interests. Simon admits he brought 15 liquor cases on Bryan's evidence. Bryan says he furnished information for 50 or 70 complaints and can show Mr. Simon most of the cases on the criminal appearance docket.

Dawson Declined to Help.

It was when Bryan was arrested that he applied to Attorney General Dawson for assistance. December 4, two days after his arrest, he wrote Dawson a letter asking him to help him out of the trouble in which he had become involved because of his luckless job.

This is the reply that Mr. Dawson mailed to the former administration spotter.

Topeka, Kansas, December 5, 1911.

Mr. C. M. Bryan, 26 New England Bldg., Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Bryan:

I am in receipt of your favor of December 4th. It was a letter of great regret to me to hear of your arrest on a charge of violating the federal statute concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors. But in the very nature of the case, Mr. Bryan, I cannot defend you on any such charge and whatever may have been your plans for getting into the inside of local business here for Mr. Simon, it will not serve your purpose to say that you have consulted me about any project which you had which involved a violation of the federal act. You have a good lawyer to defend you and you can depend upon him.

I talked the matter over with the district attorney to satisfy myself that this was no scheme to get into the liquor business by liquor dealers for spite because you had done work for the county attorney and for me. The district attorney assured me that I need fear nothing of the sort, but that he had a very large amount of testimony against you and that you had been doing quite an extensive business.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) JOHN S. DAWSON,
Attorney General.

Dawson Isn't Worried.

Attorney General Dawson is disposed to treat the Simon-Bryan affair and his own role in it with much levity. He insists that the path of the prosecutor is strewn with thorns and sharp stones and reflects that the case is a little bit of a joke. He says that he has been brought to answer certain charges. Otherwise Dawson has little to say. This is the reply that he mailed to Bryan.

"This Bryan case doesn't bother me a little bit. I am used to it. Just let me enumerate some of the charges which have been hurled at me during this liquor war."

"Item—Charge that the liquor men hated Jackson and Trickett and loved me."

"Item—That deputy sheriffs appointed by me sold liquors seized in my raid on Weir City."

"Item—That I was Sapp. County Attorney Majors and I were in cahoots."

"Item—That one of my assistants was drunk in a public place, charged to by five jointists and one deputy sheriff I had thrown out of a job."

"Item—That one of my assistants and myself had spent the afternoon fishing with two prostitutes."

"Item—That one of my assistants had lured a hotel keeper's daughter and was kicked out of the street."

"Item—That Trickett and I have taken in \$10,000 for cleaning up Wichita. (Which was true)."

"Item—That the governor had to keep after me all the time to get me to do my duty."

"Item—That I altered a warrant to cover certain property not named in my complaint."

"Item—That my assistant dismissed 20 cases on payment of attorney's fees."

"Item—That County Attorney Simon was engaged in the liquor business with a jointist-detective in my employment and with my approval."

"This list is by no means complete, but it is a fair sample of the peculiar joys of a prosecuting attorney whose policy is that of Bismarck—to fear God and nobody else."

It is plain that Mr. Dawson could not have been directly connected with Shawnee county prosecutions as he has never brought any cases here. He has had an assistant attorney general here.

Mr. Simon's Statement.

Here is what Mr. Simon's statement, just as he wrote it and sent to the State Journal office. An effort was made to get a statement from him on Thursday, but he could not be found.

"Referring to the article in last evening's State Journal relating to my connection with one C. M. Bryan, I am sorry that I cannot give you a more complete statement. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more complete statement. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more complete statement."

TRAPPED BY FIRE

Servant Girls Caught on Top of Burning Hotel.

Transit House at Chicago Stock Yards Afire.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—The Transit house at the Union Stock yards is burning. The flames started while the hotel, which is a gathering place for stockmen from all parts of the country was crowded with guests. It is reported all the occupants escaped without injury.

It is reported that a number of girls in the servants' quarters on the top floor of the burning building were trapped. Firemen who raised ladders rescued some of the women, but were said to have been driven back by the flames before all had been carried to safety.

The intense cold hampered the firemen, as several hydrants were found to be frozen and for a time it was impossible for the fire fighters to send streams to the sixth floor where the burning quarters of the employees are located.

The fire started in the kitchen and the crowded dining rooms soon were filled with smoke, causing a stampede of guests, many of whom left their valuables behind them in their rooms, so eager were they to escape.

Later all were rescued.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

By John T. McCutcheon.

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Not so hard to guess who will get the Republican nomination.



But it would take a professional tooth-pick to pick out the Democratic candidate.

IT'S 35 BELOW. NEAR TO COLLAPSE LOOT A MAIL CAR.

Cold Weather Record Is Broken Over Country.

Most Severe in the North West Region.

Cold weather records for the year and in some cases for years are being broken today by a cold wave that holds in its grasp the middle lake region as far west as the Rocky Mountains south about on a line with Indianapolis and north into the Canadian regions. The range in this section is from zero downward.

In the Canadian northwest the mercury has contracted to a point 42 degrees below zero. The coldest place in the United States however, is Duluth, Minn., where 33 below is reported. Other low temperatures reported are Eau Claire, Wis., 28; La Crosse 25; Milwaukee and Madison, Wis., 18; Green Bay, Wis., 12, and Chicago 8.

The weather is generally fair with a northwest wind. It is predicted a further drop in temperature will come tonight.

Duluth Jan. 5.—Street thermometers here this morning showed 32 to 35 below zero. A slow north wind is blowing. This is the coldest day of the winter. Duluth today is said by the weather bureau to be the coldest place in the United States.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Chicago shivered today by the coldest blast that has visited the city in two years. Zero weather for the first time this winter came in early last evening before a driving northwest wind that continued to send the mercury downward until 2 o'clock this morning, when 6 degrees below was reached. At that hour the gale had subsided to a degree and four hours later it was three degrees warmer. In the government bureau no relief was held out. Forecaster Cox making the prediction that the temperature might go to 10 degrees below zero during the day.

The bitter cold found Chicago's poor unprepared. The municipal lodging house accommodated 750 men, 300 more than its ordinary capacity. When all beds were filled, bunks were made on the floor and in the offices in front for those who sought refuge from the cold. When the last inch of space was taken 100 more who could not be accommodated were sent to police station and there given shelter. Two men badly frozen were found on the streets by policemen and were sent to hospital.

The general county office and all its branches were prepared today to aid the greatest number of needy of the winter. By a peculiar coincidence one year ago today was the coldest day of the year in Chicago.

Scores of persons were driven into the streets, two buildings destroyed and three families were made homeless by a fire on the South side early today. At one time the flames threatened to wipe out an entire block. All of the water plugs in the immediate vicinity of the burning were frozen and were obtained from plugs three blocks away. Much water was frozen in the hose bursting it. An attempt to thaw out the water nine times used the flames.

Coldest of the Year.

St. Louis, Jan. 5.—Temperatures in eastern Missouri and southern Illinois ranged from 2 degrees below to 16 degrees above zero today. At Hannibal, Mo., the thermometer stood at 10 degrees below.

At the bedside at the time of her death were all members of the Day family.

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T. R. IS NOT IN IT MARCH TO PEKING

Lawrence Abbott Says the Colonel Is Not a Candidate

And Does Not Desire to Be in the Race.

WILL TAKE NO PART MORE THAN 30,000 MEN

In the Contests of Other Aspirants for Presidency.

He Has Always Been Friendly to President Taft.

Cornwall-On-Hudson, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is not a candidate for the presidency, according to Lawrence F. Abbott, president of the Outlook company of New York, with which Mr. Roosevelt is actively associated. This statement is made in the Local Press, a weekly newspaper published here, the home of Mr. Abbott.

The statement reviews Mr. Roosevelt's connection with national politics during the last three years. It was brought out, said the editor of the Local Press, when he asked Mr. Abbott whether Mr. Roosevelt is a candidate for the presidency.

"You must understand, to begin with," Mr. Abbott says, "in what is termed a dictated statement, 'that whatever I say in answer to your question I say solely on my own responsibility and without any consultation with Mr. Roosevelt.'"

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CROWD TO SEE T. R.

Every Attempt to Get Expression From Him Fails.

Says He Will Not Read Lawrence Abbott's Statement.

New York, Jan. 5.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt came to New York today from Canton, Mass., and found his editorial office thronged. Various reports that he was soon to make a statement in regard to his political position drew an unusually large crowd of inquirers, who bombarded him with questions. Col. Roosevelt gave little heed to the queries.

"It's no use," he said. "I shall say nothing in a word."

The colonel was asked whether he had seen the statement made by Lawrence Abbott, president of the Outlook company, declaring that Col. Roosevelt was not a candidate for the presidential nomination. "I have not seen it," he replied. "Do you expect to see it?"

"I shall not," replied the colonel. Mr. Abbott was not asked whether he had seen the statement. "I have not seen it," he replied. "Do you expect to see it?"

"I made the statement," he said, "without any consultation with Col. Roosevelt. He did not see the article before its publication and so far as I know he has not read it. I have had no communication with him on that subject. The statement in my judgment, represents Col. Roosevelt's attitude at the present time. I have been closely associated with him for three years and in that time I have formed my views of his attitude. I believe he is not a candidate for the presidential nomination. He will not read it, and will do what he can to prevent action being taken in his behalf."

Mr. Abbott said he wished to make it clear that the statement could not be construed as an authorized expression of Col. Roosevelt's views.

"Do you think Col. Roosevelt would accept the nomination if it were offered to him?"

"I don't know. I don't believe Roosevelt himself knows."

TAPS IS SOUNDED

Paul Revere Bell Tolls for Funeral of Admiral Evans.

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Taft, members of his cabinet, Admiral Dewey, practically every naval officer on duty in Washington and many prominent officials attended the funeral of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans today. The obsequies were marked with full military honors. An unusual tribute was paid to the memory of Admiral Evans by Emperor William of Germany. As the special representative of the emperor, Commander Hermann, the German naval attaché, attended the funeral and placed a wreath on the bier of the admiral who had been intimately known by the emperor.

Early in the day the body was transferred from the family home to All Souls Unitarian church, the casket being wrapped in an admiral's flag and the stars and stripes. The services were conducted by President Taft's pastor, Rev. U. G. B. Pierce. During the services the famous "Paul Revere bell," which rang out a warning to the minute men for the first battle of the revolution, was tolled.

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THEEVES IN STORES

One Firm Discharges 19 Men for Theft.

Girl Seeking to Lighten Punishment Is Betrayed.

New York, Jan. 5.—Thefts from the large jewelry and silversmith stores of this city have been more extensive in the last few weeks than in any other holiday season in recent years, according to the police. One of the largest establishments in the city celebrated the new year by dismissing nineteen men from its staff of confidential employees in the sales department.

A large number of costly articles of silver stolen from another big store were not recovered because good faith was not kept by persons negotiating with the thief, who was seeking to lighten his punishment.

Trenton, Jan. 5.—Governor W. Wilson in an authorized interview here today said that so far as his information went the speculations contained in newspaper dispatches that a breach had come between Col. Harvey of New York and himself were without foundation. "My attention," he said, "has of course been drawn to the fact that the last two numbers of Harper's Weekly have made no mention of my name but this is certainly not due to any breach of any kind between Col. Harvey and myself."

"Col. Harvey runs the weekly entirely on his own judgment."

NO BREACH HE SAYS

Gov. Wilson Says He and Harvey Still Are Friendly.

Midland Railroad Recognized by Post-office Department.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 5.—The post-office department has ordered a mail service established on the new extension of the Midland Valley railroad between Wichita, Kansas, and Arkansas City, Kansas, January 22.

Weather Indications.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Forecast for Kansas: Increasing cloudiness with snow tonight or Saturday. Not so cold tonight.